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The Honorable Stephen J. Solarz House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Solarz:

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Thank you for your letter of 1 December to Admiral Turner on behalf of who has applied for employment with this Agency.

Our Acting Director of Personnel advises me that submitted an application for employment in October of this year. At that time his qualifications were reviewed against our current needs. Unfortunately, we were unable to identify an opening to match his background and experience. On 21 November 1977, we wrote to to advise him that we would be unable to offer him a position.

Let me assure you that this is no reflection on or his ability. Simply stated, our hiring is extremely limited at the present time and the few requirements we have are very specific in nature.

I appreciate your interest in writing to us and regret that my response could not have been favorable.

> Sincerely, /s/John F. Blake

John F. Blake Acting Deputy Director

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who is

Admiral J. Stansfield Turner, Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear Admiral Turner:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent,

interested in working for the C.I.A.

has expressed his strong commitment to the work of your agency, and I would appreciate your considering him for an appropriate position. 1 1

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. SOLARZ

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November 18, 1977

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Admiral Stansfield Turner Director, Central Intelligence Administration Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Admiral Turner:

Certain allegations have come to my attention concerning the Panama Canal issue and the recent plebiscite in the Republic of Panama. I have been told that the voting booths in Panama City contained stacks of uncontrolled ballots. I am attaching for your information, one of a number of ballots that were sent to me. The ballots were allegedly freely available and anyone entering the booth could obtain as many as they desired and therefore cast more than one vote. The handwriting on the reverse side of the ballot is supposed to represent the validation of the voting official at that voting station. This would apparently mean that the ballot was authenticated as an official vote prior to the time it was dropped in one of the many existing ballot boxes. I have been told that these particular ballots came from the voting booth at the St. Vincent's School.

Would you please advise me if such allegations of voter irregularity have been brought to your attention and if in fact voting with such ballots may have occurred in this manner.

I am also greatly concerned over the possibility of unethical voter influence on the part of the Panamanians prior to the plebiscite.

Would you please advise me whether the CIA was involved either directly or indirectly in matters concerning the proposed Treaty?

Have any amounts of money been expended by the CIA that could be construed as having a connection with the proposed Panamanian Treaty? If so, please provide full details.

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As a United States Senator and one who must vote on the ratification of the Treaty, I feel it my duty to be as well informed as possible. I have been most concerned over the many recent allegations concerning General Omar Torrijos and his involvement in drugs and other illegal activities. For if these allegations have any validity, it would reflect most unfavorably on the stability of the Panamanian government. I am confident the Drug Enforcement Administration would have provided you with any information they received relative to these general allegations. I am attaching a list of names of individuals allegedly involved with General Torrijos, et al, in these illicit activities. Would you provide me with any and all information from your files concerning these individuals, as well as others that I have not named, that may have had such involvement.

One other area of major concern involves a CIA reduction in force. I'have been informed that the CIA has initiated a cut in manpower of approximately eight hundred and twenty individuals. The majority of whom would come from overseas operations. If this reduction in force should continue, it would seem to me that such a loss in overseas intelligence capabilities could have a devastating affect on our national security. I would like your thoughts on this subject.

I realize the above requests are varied and multifaceted, therefore, I would appreciate your response to each question as you have it available and as rapidly as possible. I would also like to insure you that extreme precautions will be taken not to jeopardize agents or individuals involved in intelligence gathering activities if in fact such information is provided.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

STROM THURMOND

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